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INDONESIA

- I. Situation in Indonesia approaching critical stage out of which Communists stand to make important gains.
 - A. Sukarno vigorously pushing concept important feature of which is strong Commie participation in government.
- II. Communist enthusiastically acclaiming concept and pressing vigorous campaign to support Sukarno and denounce opponents as traitors.
- III. Sukarno moving ahead to implement plan, by force if necessary.
 - A. Political leaders to give views on 28 February which will be broadcast to Commie mob outside palace.
 - B. Failure intimidation, arrests and nationwide state of war and siege reportedly will follow.
 - C. Counter rally's may set match to tinderbox.
- IV. Concept not likely set well with non-Javanese as no important role envisaged for Hatta and no promises regarding autonomy and better economic deal.

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